



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61047

Masaru HOSHINO

Appln. No.: 09/676,490

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No.: 4937

Examiner: Patrick L. Edwards

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For: **AN IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AN IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND A COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM HAVING RECORDED THEREON A PROCESSING PROGRAM FOR PERMITTING A COMPUTER TO PERFORM IMAGE PROCESSING ROUTINES**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of April 27, 2004 to October 27, 2004.

A check to the statutory fee of \$560.00 is attached (which equals to the three-month extension fee of \$980.00 minus the two month extension fee of \$420.00 already paid on September 24, 2004). The USPTO is authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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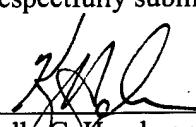
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